

VIRGINIA: A CONTINUED WORK SESSION OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 AT 5:00P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR JOHN M. SEWARD, CHAIR
SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE, VICE-CHAIR
SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES
SUPERVISOR GIRON R. WOODEN, SR.

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR MICHAEL H. DREWRY
ALSO

PRESENT: MR. TYRONE W. FRANKLIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. WILLIAM HEFTY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MS. TERRI HALE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Seward.

DISCUSSION OF FY 16-17 PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BUDGET AND CIP

Sheriff Carlos Turner was present to address the Board to request funding to cover a full-time Investigator position. He reported that many reports received by the Sheriff's Department had not been processed resulting in a low clearance rate. The Department has been without a full-time Investigator for several years. By having an Investigator on staff, deputies would be relieved of the responsibility to investigate all reports they receive and present them to the Grand Jury, thus enabling them to spend more time on patrol throughout the County. Mr. William Hefty, County Attorney, stated that, in his opinion, the State Compensation Board does not adequately provide for small counties by funding enough deputy positions. Following a lengthy discussion, Board members decided to lobby the General Assembly to fund more deputy positions in small, rural counties.

Mr. Franklin informed Board members that the owner of a logging business in Surry County had requested that the Board review the tax rate for his business property and consider granting him tax relief. Board members discussed the matter and Ms. Hale, Director of Finance, informed that she would continue to obtain more information regarding surrounding localities similar situations.

Board members discussed government employee salaries and whether a reclassification may be necessary.

Ms. Hale reviewed her previous presentation to the Board with regard to the FY 16-17 Proposed Consolidated Budget and CIP and answered questions relative to her presentation.

There being no further issues to discuss, Board members adjourned and prepared to commence their regularly scheduled meeting in the General District Courtroom at 7:00pm.